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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK

In re application of:)
H. Morimura et al.)
Serial No.:)
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For: **IMAGE CAPTURING METHOD AND**)
APPARATUS AND FINGERPRINT)
COLLATION METHOD AND APPARATUS)
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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a convention priority for the above-captioned application, namely Japanese patent Application No. 381740/2000 filed on December 15, 2000 and Japanese patent application No. 274858/2001 filed September 11, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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